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background in connection with this amendment at this time. I did not vote on this bill the first go-around. I had some concerns. In fact, I've never really been very enthused about gambling. And so I'm not an authority on that. But I am concerned about the constitution. And this amendment is intended to give the Legislature the opportunity to carry out certain activities, and eliminate a restriction that may be in our current constitution. So I've come around to the idea that...people say, I'm against gambling. Well, we already have gambling. We have various keno operations within the villages and the communities of the state. We have a statewide sponsored lottery. We have a goodly number of our citizens already going across the river to Iowa to participate in the casino gambling at Iowa. So it's not like we're voting on whether or not we should have gambling. The question is, should we fashion some legislation so that the public will have an opportunity to vote on this? And I'm concerned with the fact that we're going to vote on it one way or another. That is, the citizens of this state are going to vote on it. There was a...recently, an initiative petition to put this issue before the public. And one way or another, I think the public is going to be voting on whether or not we should have gambling in the state of Nebraska, or further gambling. So it's not an issue of whether or not that issue is going to come before the public. The question is, what kind of an issue will come before the public? And I'm concerned that we have a proposal that the Legislature continues to control. The current initiative petition is one that is self-executing. In other words, we would have no ability to have the input into fashioning, regulating, or in other words, carrying out the program of any gambling process in the state. So with that in mind, I felt that it was important that we have an amendment in this that is beyond the casino aspect. This amendment is really quite simple. All it says is that nothing in the constitution of the state of Nebraska shall prohibit the Legislature from authorizing and regulating games of chance using player-activated electronic gaming devices for charitable or community betterment purposes in a county, city, or village which approves of such gaming devices at a regular or special election, or by licensees within the licensed racetrack enclosure. So what I'm proposing is a clarification of our constitution. In my capacity serving as a lawyer from time to